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IEA News

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Werner Gulden sends this News about the IEA-ESE/FP

- **Dr. Gulden submitted the 2004 Annual Report to the IEA in early March. He presented an overview of tasks to the IEA Fusion Power Co-ordinating Committee on 22 March.**
- **Work Plans for each IEA-ESE/FP task also were updated at the end of 2004 and have been submitted to the IEA in March**
- **Dr. Gulden of the EDFA CSU was unanimously elected to serve another 2-year term as the ExCo Chair in September 2004**
- **The FPCC has asked that a liaison be put in place to better communicate with the FPCC**
- **Dr. David Jackson, from AECL Chalk River Lab and McMaster University, as well as a member of the ExCo, has agreed to serve as the liaison at the September 2004 ExCo meeting during the SOFT in Venice**

News from the Liaison to the FPCC

- **David Jackson, as liaison, stated:**
 - **The goal of the IEA ESE/FP is to make fusion visible at ministerial levels by acknowledging that progress is being made in fusion and in each of the nine tasks**
 - **Like all the members of the ExCo, he is pleased with the considerable progress seen in most of the 9 tasks as described at the 2004 ExCo meeting**
 - **Dr. Jackson stated that any redirection of the FPCC or Implementing Agreements would be postponed until after the ITER site decision**
 - **He emphasized the importance of increasing visibility and successes of the IEA-ESE/FP**

FPCC Comments from March 22

- **The work Dr. Gulden presented on the task progress was well received by the FPCC; Dr. Gulden congratulates us**
- **The FPCC wanted clarification regarding which IEA-ESE/FP tasks were ITER relevant, which tasks were relevant to ITER accompanying programs, and which were relevant to a broader fusion approach**
- **The FPCC is in the process of defining a programme for the coming 3 years. The FPCC expects that tasks that are relevant only to ITER will be coordinated by ITER and will no longer be a part of the IEA agreement.**
- **Task 5 is listed as relevant to all three avenues: ITER, the ITER accompanying programs, and broader fusion issues**

The Foreseeable Future

- The current term of our ESE/FP agreement shall expire in 2007
- It is foreseen that due to progress made in our voluntary effort tasks that our ESE/FP Implementing Agreement will be renewed, just as it has been renewed in 2002, 1997, and 1992
- As stated by Dr. Jackson, any redirection of the IA's will await the ITER siting/construction decision